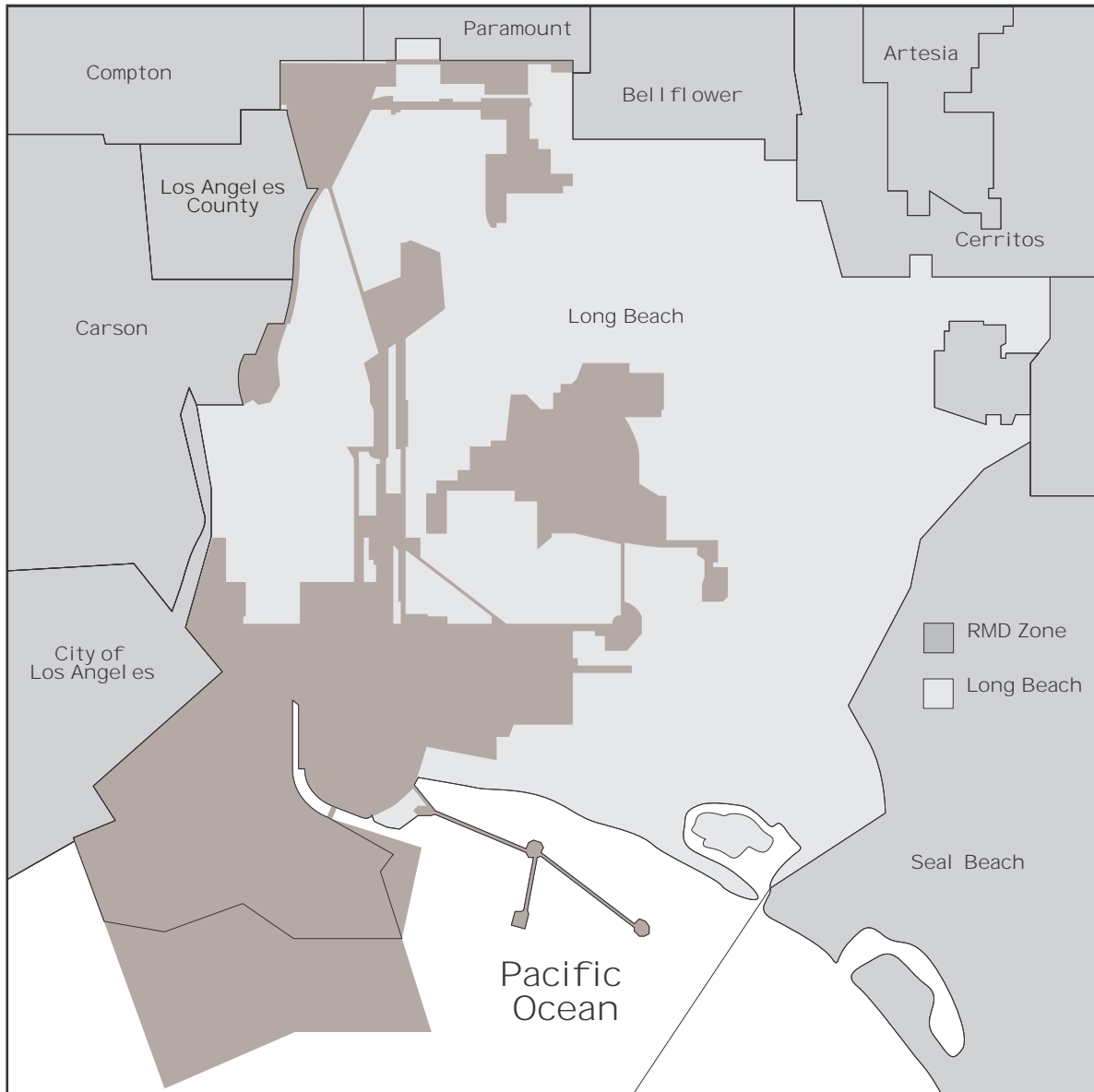




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CITY OF LONG BEACH RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT ZONE



ZONE INFORMATION

Long Beach, with a population of 429,000, is the fifth largest city in California. The Port of Long Beach is the largest exporter of secondary materials on the West Coast. The Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) lies entirely within the City of Long Beach and encompasses virtually all industrial and commercially zoned property in the city.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

California Recycling Market Development Zones are designated by the Integrated Waste Management Board. The Board offers low-interest loans up to \$1 million, technical assistance on financing strategies, and assistance in marketing zones nationally and internationally. For more information on this program and other market development programs, contact the Board's Recycling Business Assistance Branch at (916) 255-1000.

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ZONE ACTIVITIES

The Long Beach zone is one of the most active developers of recycling manufacturing in the state. Noted successes include Talco Plastics and Gridcore Systems International, among many others. Activities are conducted by experienced managers trained in financing, project management and facilitation, and industrial relations.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The area is served by five major freeways: Artesia (91), Long Beach (710), San Diego (405), San Gabriel River (605), and Terminal Island (SR47). Three rail lines—Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, and Santa Fe—serve the zone, and the deepwater Port of Long Beach offers over 65 berths. There are 25 square miles of industrial and commercially zoned land, which includes 400 manufacturers.

EMPLOYMENT

As a result of Long Beach's large labor pool of both skilled and unskilled workers, there is a need for generating moderate- to low-income jobs. All this combined with recent layoffs from the aerospace and defense industries provides Long Beach with an extensive pool of available workers.

INCENTIVES

CIWMB offers low-interest loans and technical assistance. Local incentives include expedited permit processing and low-interest commercial and industrial loans that can be used for facility construction, expansion, rehabilitation, and equipment purchase. A micro-loan program is also available for businesses. The City's Career Transition Center is nationally recognized as a leader in worker retraining and employee placement. There are several paid employee training programs available. As an Enterprise Zone designated by the State Department of Commerce, businesses are eligible to receive such incentives as sales and use tax credits, hiring credits, business expense deductions, net operating loss carryover, employee tax credits, and net interest deduction for lenders.

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